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PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Roberto VILLA et al.

Confirmation No. 4029

Serial No. 10/009,532

GROUP 1615

Filed December 12, 2001

Examiner L. Di Nola Baron

CONTROLLED RELEASE AND TASTE
MASKING ORAL PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITIONS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of February 12, 2003,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

~~1~~1. (amended) A controlled release and taste-masking
oral pharmaceutical composition containing an active ingredient,
comprising:

a) a matrix consisting of C₆-C₂₀ alcohols or C₈-C₂₀ fatty
acids or esters of fatty acids with glycerol or sorbitol or other
polyalcohols with carbon atom chain not higher than six;

b) an amphiphilic matrix; and

c) an outer hydrophilic matrix in which a lipophilic
matrix and said amphiphilic matrix are dispersed.--